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The following circular relative to the quarantining of steerage passengers from Hongkong has been issued:

[Circular.]

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MARINE-HOSPITAL SERVICE,  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARANTINE OFFICER FOR THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS,  
Manila, P. I., April 6, 1912.

*To the owners, agents, and masters of vessels and others concerned.*

GENTLEMEN: In view of the increase of plague in Hongkong, I have the honor to state that, beginning April 8, 1912, all steerage passengers coming from Hongkong, or those who ordinarily travel as such, will be quarantined at the Mariveles quarantine station for a period of seven days, unless the medical officer of the United States Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service at Hongkong certifies that they have undergone such quarantine detention at that port. Masters of inward-bound ships from Hongkong should be instructed to call at Mariveles and leave such passengers and be prepared to furnish them with the necessary food while they are undergoing the quarantine detention.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,  
Passed Assistant Surgeon,  
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.

#### Smallpox on Vessels.

Dr. Heiser further reports: On April 2 the United States Army transport *Warren* arrived at Manila from Chinese and Japanese ports with three cases of smallpox on board. On April 9 three additional cases developed among the crew of the *Warren*, making a total of 8 cases. During the week ended April 6, smallpox occurred on the steamships *Serantes* and *Sotolongo*.

#### RUSSIA.

##### Typhus Fever.

At Moscow Consul Snodgrass reports the occurrence of 10 cases of typhus fever with 2 deaths during the 2 weeks ended April 13.

At Odessa Consul Grout reports 13 cases with 6 deaths for the week ended April 20.

At St. Petersburg Consul Conner reports 9 cases with 4 deaths for the 2 weeks ended April 20.

#### SOUTH AFRICA.

##### Plague at Durban, Natal.

The following information was received from the department of the interior: During the week ended April 12, a fatal case of plague occurred at Durban, and during the week ended April 19, 2 cases with 2 deaths. The total number of cases reported to date is 27 with 22 deaths.

#### WEST INDIES.

##### Trinidad—Plague and Yellow Fever—Comparative Statistics.

The following statement was received from Consul Hale at Port of Spain:

*Plague.*—In April, 1910, 3 fatal cases of plague were reported in Trinidad. In 1911, 6 cases were reported, 1 case occurring in February, 1 in March, 2 cases in April, and 2 in May. The first case re-